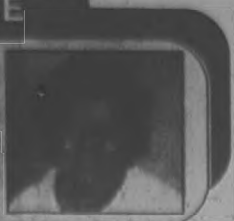




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Coffee County voters make "Primary" choices

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County voters joined those across the state Tuesday, June 3, in going to the polls to cast their vote(s) in the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections.

Locally, there were five separate "district" races for county offices decided on Tuesday. With more than 25,000 registered voters in Coffee County, the majority left Tuesday's decisions to the 5,493 that cast a ballot.

The Democratic Primary in Coffee County closed with 1,754 unofficial ballots cast while the county's Republican Primary closed with 3,739 unofficial votes cast.

Citizens in District One of Coffee County had two races to consider.

In the Democratic Primary, the Coffee County Commission, District One, race featured three candidates vying for the spot. The unofficial results gave the Democratic nomination to Dean Smith with 326 votes (52.50 percent), James E. (Jimmy) Bryan received 273 votes (34.46 percent) while Tommie Brooks Jr. received 81 votes (13.04 percent).

Since Smith received more than 50 percent of the votes cast on Tuesday, there will be no need for a run-off in this election. Smith will face Republican candidate Larry Fuller in the November General Election.

Also in District One of Coffee County, voters were asked to decide the Republican nomination for Coffee County School Board member. The un-

official results of this race gave the nomination to Joseph (Joey) Arnold with 259 votes (58.07 percent). His competitor, Brian R. McLeod, received 187 votes (41.93 percent). Arnold will now face the incumbent and Democratic candidate, Charles Walker, in November.

Voters in District Three were asked to make a decision regarding their Coffee County Commission representative.

In this race, the unofficial results gave the win to incumbent Robert G. Stephens with 342 votes (71.70 percent). His competitor, Claude R. (Ronny) Nicholson, received 135 votes (28.30 percent).

In District Two, the incumbent for the Coffee County Commission spot was defeated.

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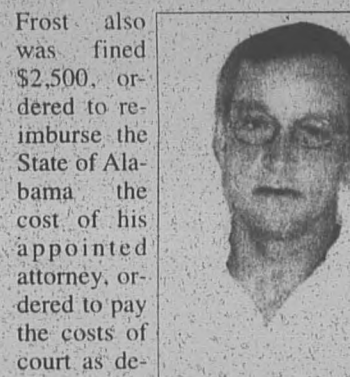
ALCOHOL CONSIDERED A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN WRECK...Local emergency personnel responded Monday afternoon, June 2, at approximately 3:32 p.m., to an automobile accident on Claxton Avenue in Elba. The accident involved one vehicle that was occupied only by the driver. Reportedly, the Pontiac Sunfire (shown above) was traveling on Claxton Avenue when the driver lost control. The vehicle subsequently struck a utility pole then flipped several times. While flipping, it also struck a mile marker sign. The driver of the vehicle, Henry Coleman, age 54, of Elba, was transported by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital for treatment. According to the police report, Coleman was found to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident and was charged with DUI (Driving Under the Influence). Elba Police Officer Robert LaVoie investigated the accident. Officer Tim Jeter assisted him. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Volunteer Fire Department.

Former Kinston police chief receives life sentence plus 30 years in prison for sexual abuse crimes

A former Kinston police chief last week received a life sentence plus 30 years in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Elber division, after pleading guilty to three separate sexual abuse cases.

On Thursday, May 29, Circuit Judge Jeff Kelley ordered a sentence of life in prison on Harold Frost after finding him guilty of sodomy, first degree. He also ordered Frost to 15 years each on two separate charges of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12. Frost had entered a plea of guilty in all three cases earlier in May.

In each of the three cases,



Harold Frost

Frost also was fined \$2,500, ordered to reimburse the State of Alabama the cost of his appointed attorney, ordered to pay the costs of court as determined by the clerk's office and ordered to pay \$200 to the Alabama Crime Victim's Compensation Fund.

Frost reportedly was arrested

in July 2007 on the charges of sodomy, first degree; two counts of sexual abuse; and rape, first degree. The rape charge was later dismissed.

Following his arrest in July, Frost was released from the Coffee County Jail after posting bond. However, he allegedly violated restrictions included in the Alabama sex offender law (he was living too close to Kinston Schools) and was returned to jail in August 2007, where he remained until last Thursday's sentencing.

During Elba City Council meeting Proclamations presented honoring late city councilman

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met on Tuesday evening, May 27th. The meeting was rescheduled from the regular Monday night slot due to that being Memorial Day.

Several important decisions were made at this meeting, including the swap of some real estate, a school board appointment, approving a sales tax holiday, and a proclamation honoring the late City Council member David Bandstra.

Bandstra served on the city council from October 2000 until his untimely death on

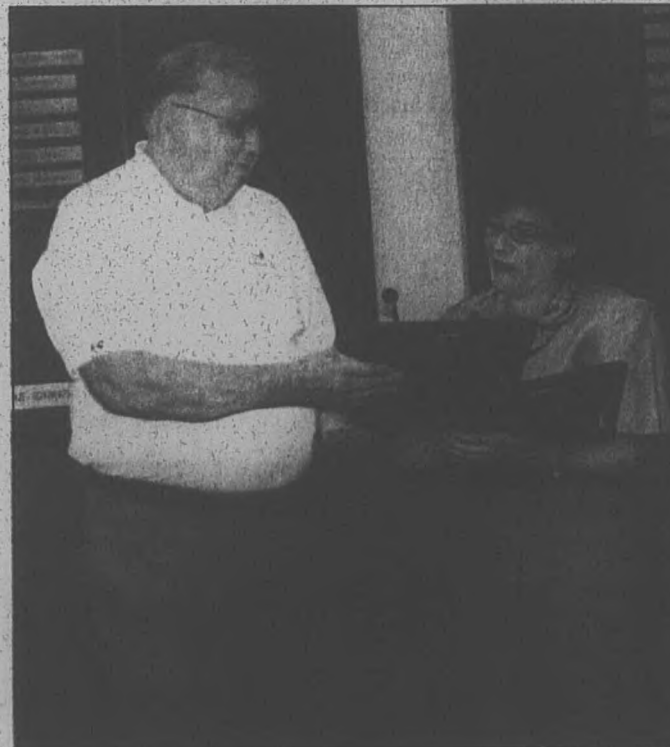
April 25th, 2008. He was preparing to seek a third term in the 2008 summer elections.

Mayor James Grimes presented Bandstra's wife, Vicki, with proclamations from both the City Council and Water and Electric Board. The officially approved wording noted the voters had been correct in placing Bandstra in his council position. It labeled him "capable, honest, energetic, courteous and trustworthy." Vicki was also given the nameplate from her late husband's seat at the council and the brass nameplates from the city hall plaque, which lists the sitting council

members and the sitting utility board members.

Upon accepting the various items, Mrs. Bandstra thanked the council and noted David was always helping others in ways that she was often not aware of... helping with utility bills, mortgages, etc. She added that he was always riding around town looking for things which needed doing, riding with police officers at night and was constantly finding things to do which would support the local public educational facilities.

The Elba City Council approved an ordinance selling 47 acres of land, located off the Samson Highway and adjoining the old railroad right-of-way, to Roland Powell. The sale was for \$35,000 cash and four acres of land. Powell owned adjoining the Legion Field recreation facility.



ELBA MAYOR JAMES GRIMES is shown presenting proclamations to Vicki Bandstra acknowledging the superior efforts of her late husband, David Bandstra during his two terms on the Elba City Council and Elba Utility Board.

Skinner announces intent to seek District 2 seat on Elba City Council

Tommy Skinner this week announced he plans to seek the position of District Two councilman on the Elba City Council in the upcoming municipal election.

A native of Elba, Skinner said he desires to become involved in city government because he derives a great deal of satisfaction from assisting people with their needs. He believes his 28 years of experience in the insurance industry has provided him with a heightened awareness of the problems faced by many people in the City of Elba.

"I will be a councilman who will be accessible and responsive to the concerns of the great citizens of Elba," he said. "I will work tirelessly for the good of the entire city so that Elba will prosper and become an even greater place to live and raise a family. I want to make it possible for our children to find careers here in Elba. Elba is a town where you can walk down the street

Skinner. "I believe I have proven myself to be a man that people can count on to be there when I am needed the most."

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During "called" meeting of County BOE Fourteen teachers receive tenure with Coffee County School System

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a rapidly conducted "called" meeting Wednesday, May 28, Coffee County Board of Education members followed the recommendations of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram and granted tenure to 14 certificated personnel members.

The 14 teachers recommended and approved for continued service with the Coffee County School System included: Kyra Cardwell, Sam Dean, Karen Thornton, Carol Young, Kim Smith, Dana Barnhill, Brooke Cavanaugh, Hanna Whitt, Tonita Bentley, Paige Watson, Julie Norris, Cheryl Grissett, Cathi Tranum Barr and Daphne Cook.

Board members approved several other certificated personnel matters during last Wednesday's meeting.

Non-renewal was approved for the following probationary personnel:

- Jeanette Fitcher - fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School
- Amanda Parker - second grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School
- Ashley Sheffield - sixth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School
- Emily Zapata - language arts teacher at Zion Chapel School

The following resignations were accepted:

- Danielle Bradshaw - history teacher/part-time librarian at New Brockton High School
- Thomas Boswell - baseball coach at Zion Chapel School
- Marcus Taylor - softball coach at Zion Chapel School

The following employees were approved for voluntary transfer:

- Transfer Yvonne Swidergal from her position as P-12 special education teacher at Kinston School to P-6 special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School

- Transfer Sandra Rhodes from her position as K-6 special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to P-12 special education teacher at Kinston School
- Transfer Shannon Clark from his position as government/economics and remediation teacher at New Brockton High School to social studies for grades 7-12 at New Brockton High School
- Transfer Brooke Cavanaugh from her position as language arts teacher for grades

Mary Gray announces plan to seek Elba City Council, District Two, seat

Mary Gray this week announced her intent to seek election as District 2 Elba City Council representative.

Gray is employed in administration with Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home where her responsibilities include HIPAA Compliance, continuing education, grant writing and management and community relations. In addition, she serves as a member of the Education and Convention Committees of the Alabama Nursing Home Association.

Gray holds an Associate degree in nursing and a Bachelor's degree in healthcare management. She is a certified public manager and grants specialist. She holds professional licenses as a registered nurse and nursing home administrator.



Mary Gray

for. Prior to her employment at EGH, she was employed by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Home and Community Services as a nurse consultant implementing and managing many statewide projects while employed with public health.

Over the past four years, Gray said she has written and administered several grants - totaling \$204,762 for improvement of emergency services to the City of Elba and surrounding communities. She said the Assistance in Nursing and a Bachelor's degree in healthcare management. She is a certified public manager and grants specialist. She holds professional licenses as a registered nurse and nursing home administrator.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Ho-hum, there was a voting exercise in Alabama Tuesday. Technically it was a "Primary Election" but all across the United States voters are continually facing such events (and the national news folks happen to mention them occasionally) on a regular basis thus they take on the air of being just "exercises," predictions were that Alabama voters would turn out in small numbers this time around and we understand why. Last week we broke from tradition and didn't voice our opinions on exactly which candidate was best for Alabama. The reason was . . . we don't know! There has been so little real information about most of the candidates that any comment would have been a terrible guess. Many normal voters have commented this week that they were just going to skip voting because of being uninformed. We did vote, but in only two races and we voted on the Democratic side because our County Commission race was on that ballot. Had our choice been on the Republican side, there were about the same number of races in which we could have cast a vote that carried any sort of "informed voter" credibility.

Hopefully by November this publisher (and all you others out there in the same shape) will have a much clearer picture of whatever candidates are still in the race. Then maybe we can cast an informed vote.

Our comments last week about the sidewalk project struck a sore spot with many readers. It was surprising to realize how many of you shared our concerns. The update on that project should help all of us. There is an entirely different attitude (and new workers) plus the overers and their concerns are being listened to rather than ignored. They have lost lots of time stumbling around with this first side, but hopefully they will move on and get the project finished . . . correctly.

Gasoline prices continue to rise and drivers continue to complain. These higher prices bring out all kinds of ideas on how to save gas, get more bang for the buck, etc. Several weeks ago we read of a North Alabama man getting over 50 miles to the gallon on a V8 Cadillac! We seem to remember he would set others up to do the same for about \$2,000. Since then there have been national stories of people with ideas on extending mileage, but nothing sounds as good as the idea of our North Alabama hero. He uses a bottle of water, converts it to fuel "as needed" and thus uses very little gasoline. We are disappointed that the national news guys have not picked up on our North Alabama guy. But then maybe they did and found him to be wanting. It would not be the first time reports of a magic solution to some problems turned out to be a joke . . . or worse.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 26, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, three for harassing communications, four for harassment, one for accidental damage, five for theft of property, three for domestic dispute, two for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, four for criminal mischief, one for menacing, one for property damage, one for assault, one for a private property accident, two for domestic violence, one for resisting arrest, one for driving under the influence, one for juveniles fighting, one for installing cavedropping, one for public intoxication and one for an unruly customer.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for assault, three for domestic violence, one for resisting arrest and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for violation of the noise ordinance, three for a suspended driver's license, four for speeding, eight for not wearing a seat belt and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 26 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire at 20265 Hwy. 189 N. (11:01 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported on

Jackson St. (11:53 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 841 E. Davis St. (12:26 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported on Highland Apt. (12:28 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Jackson St. (7:10 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 711 Kennedy Dr. (10:28 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 27 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire on Farris Ave. (12:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 19060 Hwy. 167 (10:48 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aid to 19060 Hwy. 167 (11:01 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 636 Lee St. (5:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 18151 Hwy. 125 (6:06 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 29 - Frowler reported near 506 Newton St. (10:10 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at the Elba Car Wash (10:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 349 Tucker St. (7:10 a.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 76 County Rd. 368 (9:16 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Lee St. (11:29 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 611 Claxton Ave. (11:42 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 31 - Domestic disturbance reported at Martin Luther King Dr. and Lee St. (3:17 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1831

During ceremony at Governor's Mansion

Elba Elementary School teacher Millie McCollough among those recognized for national certification

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

An Elba Elementary School teacher received recognition Wednesday, May 28, at the Governor's Mansion in Montgomery, Ala.

Millie McCollough, a sixth grade teacher at Elba Elementary, was recognized for recently achieving national certification. While at the Governor's Mansion, she was recognized by Dr. Joe Morton, State Superintendent of Education, and Dr. Paul Hubbard, AEA Executive Director, along with 250 other Alabama teachers who became nationally certified during 2007.

McCollough said she became nationally certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in November 2007, after a process that lasted five months. She added that she was awarded a scholarship from the State of Alabama in October 2006 and all that had to be done before becoming nationally certified was due in March 2007.

"There is a definite framework in order to become nationally certified," said McCollough. "It is a completely self-directed and self-monitored process. Normally it



Elba Elementary School teacher Millie McCollough (center) was accompanied by her husband, Rhett (left), to a ceremony held Wednesday, May 28, at the Governor's Mansion in Montgomery, Ala., recognizing Alabama teachers who become nationally certified in 2007. McCollough is the first Elba teacher to achieve this distinguished status. Above, Millie and Rhett are greeted at the Governor's Mansion by Alabama First Lady, Patsy Riley.

is somewhere around a 12-month process, however, I had to do it in five."

Portfolios, videos of herself teaching classes, samples of work, and essays all had to be submitted to be reviewed before she became a nationally certified teacher. She also had to take online tests.

After all work was completed and submitted in March 2007, the board reviewed the

submitted information, and in November 2007 McCollough received the good news.

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salary that is good for 10 years.

"It was tough, but I encourage all teachers to do it. You don't have to go anywhere outside of your home to do the work," said McCollough. "It really makes you look at yourself and your teaching style."

McCollough is the first teacher from Elba to become nationally certified, and while there have been others in the past, she is the only teacher from Coffee County to become certified this year.

• **Bowers wins third place in automotive competition** - On April 25, Greg Bowers, a tenth grade student at Elba High School, traveled to Montgomery to compete in the Basic Automotive Division at the state contest. Greg brought home third place.

• **Hunts announce birth of daughter** - Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hunt announce the birth of a daughter, Hayden Solomon, on May 1, 1998. The new arrival weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walt Cox, Elba; Major and Mrs. Robert Hunt Sr. (Ret.); and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ramsey, Orlando, Florida. Hayden has a brother, Gavin, age 3.

• **Judy Scarbrough To Attend Girls State** - Judy Scarbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scarbrough, of Elba, has been selected by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary to attend the annual Girl's State at Huntingdon College, in Montgomery. The week-long event will be held from June 9 through June 15. Judy will be a senior at Elba High School next year and is representing Culver Post 42 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

• **Youth Choir Receives Wide Acclaim** - The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church has returned from its week-long concert tour amid a flood of

praise. The choir, led by Pastor Dr. James H. Bedsole, performed in several churches and at a community event in the U.S. Navy.

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Shuffling Through Our Files...

(News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

• **Three escapes back in county jail** - A 911 call to the Enterprise Police Department late Tuesday night led to the recapture of three escapes from the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton. Last Sunday night between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., authorities believe this to be the time of escape, three inmates made their escape from the county jail. They were discovered missing when a shift change head count at approximately 11:00 p.m. was made by correctional officers at the jail.

• **Bowers wins third place in automotive competition** - On April 25, Greg Bowers, a tenth grade student at Elba High School, traveled to Montgomery to compete in the Basic Automotive Division at the state contest. Greg brought home third place.

• **Hunts announce birth of daughter** - Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hunt announce the birth of a daughter, Hayden Solomon, on May 1, 1998. The new arrival weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walt Cox, Elba; Major and Mrs. Robert Hunt Sr. (Ret.); and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ramsey, Orlando, Florida. Hayden has a brother, Gavin, age 3.

• **Judy Scarbrough To Attend Girls State** - Judy Scarbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scarbrough, of Elba, has been selected by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary to attend the annual Girl's State at Huntingdon College, in Montgomery. The week-long event will be held from June 9 through June 15. Judy will be a senior at Elba High School next year and is representing Culver Post 42 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

• **Youth Choir Receives Wide Acclaim** - The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church has returned from its week-long concert tour amid a flood of

praise. The choir, led by Pastor Dr. James H. Bedsole, performed in several churches and at a community event in the U.S. Navy.

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LIFESTYLES



Troy University announces area spring graduates

Troy University graduates, Spring 2008 for surrounding area are:

Coffee County

Elba (BACH OF SCIENCE)- Ashley Nicole Rushing (Cum Laude), Brittany Nicole Thompson, Kara Ann Giles Elba, (ASSOC OF SCIENCE)- Jill Windham Dunn Elba - (MASTER OF SCIENCE)- Kristen Mayberry Stinson

Jack

(BSN)- Samuel Perry Cauthen

Kinston (BACH OF SCIENCE)- Lee Samuel Whigham, Richard Cody Samson

Kinston (MASTER OF SCIENCE)- Carol Bodiford Young

New Brockton (BACH OF SCIENCE)- Garrett Layton Griffin (Summa Cum Laude), Jonathan Tyler Simmons (Magna Cum Laude), Bryan Austin Allums (Magna Cum Laude), Thomas Ralph Adkins, III, Amanda Lacey Estrada, Heather Renee Carroll (Summa Cum Laude), BreAnna McKenzie

New Brockton (BSN)- Tiffany Diana Harrison (Cum Laude)

New Brockton (MASTER OF SCIENCE)- Brandi Nelson Johnson, Grace Louise Rogers

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Bedsole-Bowers wedding to be held July 19th at The Luveme Methodist Church

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Mr. and Mrs. Mac McKnight, the late Jessie Gatlin, and the late Travis "Pug" Bowers. He is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy University. Bradley is employed as a history teacher and coach in the Crenshaw County school system.

The wedding is planned for July 19, 2008 at 6:30 in the evening at Luveme Methodist Church, Luveme, Alabama. A reception will follow at the Tom Harbin Farm Center. No local invitations will be sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Those that have departed from God? Often change comes so slowly it is not even detected until it is too late spiritually. Most do not "run" away from God's truth, they simply "drift" in the wrong direction. (Hebrews 2:1) The moment we close our Bible is the moment we begin to drift from God.

One sign of departing from God is the development of a critical spirit. It is strange but those that leave God are often very "critical" of others for being "unloving."

Departing is also marked by a lack of appreciation for Biblical truth. Many do not respect, appreciate, nor love God's truth. (John 8:32)

Departing from God causes people to want the world instead of Christ. The Bible says, "If any man loves the world the love of the father is not in him." (1 John 2:15-17)

Departing blinds spiritual eyes. People begin to say, "I can't see anything wrong with..." and they fill in the blank with anything.

Departing also leads to lukewarmness. God hates the spirit of spiritual laziness that is seen among many. (Revelation 3:14-19)

What is the cure for those that have departed from God? To reverse the departures: Take heed to yourself and make sure of your salvation. (Hebrews 3:12) Remember what it was like to have followed the Bible wholeheartedly. Those preachers that have changed should remember the joy they had in preaching "gospel sermons," (2 Timothy 4:1-5). If any love for truth still burns in your heart fan the flame. Let us take our stand on truth. (Ephesians 4:15) Get busy in the kingdom. We are saved to serve. (John 4:35), and be Christ-like. Those that have the desire of going to heaven will walk with the Lord. (Galatians 2:20)

Those that do the Lord's commandments will be blessed with entrance into heaven, and with the tree of life. (Revelation 22:14) To become a Christian, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (Mark 16:16), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized to be saved (Acts 2:38). After baptism be careful that you do not depart from God, but faithfully obey His will each day!

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Bennett Cook Anderson

Bennett Cook Anderson celebrates first birthday

Bennett Cook Anderson celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, April 26th at his home in Enterprise with a rubber duck and bubble theme party. Ben and his friends enjoyed many bubble activities outside before eating hot dogs, cake, and homemade ice cream.

Ben is the son of Tom and Christina Anderson of Enterprise. His grandparents are Mr. Jimmy Cook and Mrs. Lynn Weeks of Elba and Dr. Mrs. Jack Anderson of Point Clear. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Nell Cook and Mrs. Merlene Owens of Elba and Mrs. Carolyn Dominick of Tuscaloosa.

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Mallory Allen awarded Scholarship at The University of Alabama

Mallory Allen, a senior majoring in Accounting, was awarded the Frank A. Shumate Memorial Endowed Accounting Scholarship at the University of Alabama Culverhouse School of Accountancy awards ceremony held April 23, 2008.

Allen, a 2005 graduate of Elba High School, enrolled at the University of Alabama in 2005. Since that time, she has been actively involved in Student Government Association, University Honors Program, Business Honors Program, Phi Eta Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Beta Alpha Psi and Phi Mu. She is the daughter of Gary and Jenny Allen of Elba.

Allen was also selected to participate in a summer leadership program with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young in Nashville, Tennessee in June, 2008.

Laura Moguel is honored student at University of Montevallo.

About 680 University of Montevallo students were named to the honor roll for the spring semester. The President's List included the names of 369 students. To make the President's List, a student must earn at least a 3.8 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student at the university.

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Annslay Padgett

Annslay Padgett awarded dance trophies

Dothan and Enterprise Schools of Dance presented their 36th Annual Recital, May 17, 2008. Three recitals were performed in the course of one day. The Dothan younger children's recital was at 10:30 a.m., the Enterprise students' recital was at 1:30 p.m., and the Dothan older students presented their recital at 7:00 p.m. All recitals were at the Dothan Civic Center.

The theme for this year's recitals was "Dancing with the Stars." Tracy Solomon, Ashlie Solomon, Ashley, Assistant Director, and Debra Boyd choreographed the performances.

Performance awards were presented at the dress rehearsal Thursday, May 15, 2008. Annslay Padgett received two trophies—one for her completion of seven years with the studio and third place ad sales award.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Reggie Horstead - June 2, Kym Kelley - June 5, Marian Jones - June 5, Mamie Belcher - June 3, Balvie Jones - June 6, Rashad Bilal - June 7, Rev. W.L. and Ollie Peterson - June 8 (Wedding Anniversary)

ANNUAL SR. MISSIONARY AND MATRON'S DAY will be held on June 8, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama. The guest speaker is

Rev. Charlie Sankey, Jr., pastor of Rockwell Missionary Baptist Church, Goshen, Ala.

MEN AND WOMEN DAY AT ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Elba, Ala. on June 8, 2008 at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr., Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama. A short talk on men will be given by Dea. Calvin Carpenter and a short talk on women will be given by Evangelist Gayle Lawrence.

All men are asked to wear black and all women are asked to wear white. The program chairman is Bro. James Henderson.

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SPORTS

VIEWS FROM...

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

Melanie may take advantage of her summer break from college to sleep in a little longer in the mornings. However, last week she worked all seven days either at the park or at the pool and is often ready to go to bed as soon as she comes home at night. She will get a little time off in the weeks to come when the youth baseball and softball seasons end, but until then her summer job will keep her at work almost every day of the week. Oh well, at least she doesn't have to study.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tiger athletic program appears to be headed for major changes as new head coaches are expected to be named in baseball, softball and men's basketball and at least one new assistant is expected to join the football staff. I've heard rumors about who will fill some of the coaching vacancies, but until the official announcements are made from the school it wouldn't make sense to pass along the names being tossed around. One thing for sure is that next year there will be some new faces leading the way on the athletic fields and courts at Elba High.

*** The youth baseball and softball leagues will wind down their seasons next week and it has been a very active season for all the youngsters in the area. In baseball and softball, Elba teams competed against teams from Kinston, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Samson, Brantley and Arton, while even in the coach pitch leagues the Elba teams competed against teams from Zion Chapel and Brantley. The high price of gas did take its toll on the parents and coaches as the season progressed. However, the players all had a good time and being able to compete against players from other towns made them better.

*** I have watched some of the college softball World Series and the NCAA baseball regionals over the past few nights and have been impressed with the play of some of the smaller colleges in both sports. At the softball series Louisiana Lafayette made lots of noise and brought attention to the Sun Belt Conference, while in baseball a number of small colleges won a lot of games and made the big schools sweat a little. College sports has changed dramatically in recent years and is now more competitive than ever.

*** In closing... I have been an advocate of doing away with spring football practice at the high school level for years, and with the move to cut the days allowed from 15 to only 10 such a move may very well be in the works. Now I have another suggestion for the high school officials at the state level - make the month of June a "dead month" for practice and contact with coaches. School starts in early August and the season doesn't begin until the last week of the month, which means the student-athletes would still have eight weeks of workouts prior to the opening game of the season. Open up the month of July for extra workouts and possibly allow an extra week of work in full gear, but give the students a month off from school-related sports and their coaches. High school athletics isn't meant to be a 12-month commitment for its members, and unless changes are made fewer and fewer will take part. This summer many girls are having cheerleader practice from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m., going to conditioning workouts from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and then going back to school twice a week at 6:00 PM for volleyball practice. C'mon, high school sports isn't meant to be a punishment!

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DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

ELBA 8 KINSTON 3

Elba pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim an 8-3 win over Kinston. Dylan Seay had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba, while Chance Sauls and Gunnar McCollough both added 1 hit. Hayes Spicer scored 2 runs and Austin Money, Jake Carley and Josh Baldwin all scored 1 run. Patrick Smith and Lane Clark both had 2 hits to lead Kinston, while Alex Sansom added 1 hit and Brent Nobles, Kaleb Mack and Hunter Sparks all scored 1 run.

ELBA 11 BRANTLEY GREEN 10

Hayes Spicer ripped a two-run double in the bottom of the final inning to lift Elba to a wild 11-10 win over Brantley Green. Hayes Spicer had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Austin Money, Dylan Seay and Gunnar McCollough all added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Ashton Davis and Branson Bowers both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and Chase Sauls scored 2 runs. Jared Wiley had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley, while Reid Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Clint Kilcrease and Landon LaSalle both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Taylor Tew added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Andrew Lowery added 1 hit.

NEW BROCKTON 11 BRANTLEY WHITE 8

New Brockton pulled ahead early and held on late to claim an 11-8 win over the Brantley White. Brakin Hurto had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead New Brockton, while Chris Green added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Nathan Credille added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Tristan Brust added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Adam Bryant, Kyle Kelley and Josh McDaniel all scored 1 run. Cameron Morgan had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley, while Cassius Tillis and Steven Walker both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Matthew Holmes added 1 hit, and Adam Hill, Ryan Harris, Austin Stinson and Clint Free all scored 1 run.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

ELBA DODGERS 13 Z.C. RED 3

The Elba Dodgers pulled ahead early and then pulled away to defeat the Zion Chapel Red 13-3. B.J. Free had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Dodgers, while Shawn Carley added 1 hit, Landon Carley scored 3 runs, Austin Watkins, Chance Walden and Isaiah Kyles all scored 2 runs and Troy Funk and Michael Gasca both scored 1 run. Blake Cardwell had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Dylan Smith and Kane Haskins both added 1 hit and Michael Slezak and Web Richburg both scored 1 run.

ELBA MARLINS 14 Z.C. RED 7

The Elba Marlins scored 10 runs in the first inning to take command and rolled to a 14-7 win over the Zion Chapel Red. Talon Flowers had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Johnny McHugh added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Tanner Hudson added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Grant Akridge had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Harley Sanders and Tripp Hudson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Quan Jordan, Cavosna Stinson, Chase Nelson and Nicholas Johnson all scored 1 run. Kane Haskins had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Dalton Dean added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Dylan Smith added 1 hit, and Jordan Turner, Michael Cox, Nate Dukes and Travis Smith all scored 1 run.

ELBA YANKEES 2 NEW BROCKTON BLACK 2

The Elba Yankees and New Brockton Black battled to a 2-2 tie. Avery Hanchey had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Yankees, while J. Cole Spicer, Dontavious Williams and Rob English all added 1 hit and Brosnan Cooks scored 1 run. Kyle Ray had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Dray Nelson added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Noah McDaniel added 1 hit.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

KINSTON 13 ELBA CARDINALS 2

Kinston broke loose late to claim a big 13-2 win over the Elba Cardinals. Avery Hataway had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Pat Smith, Grayson Sessions and Tucker Falls all added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Ashley Kelley, Robert Whigham, Cory Lashley and Clay Moss all added 1 hit and scored 1 run; T.J. Glass scored 2 runs and Lane Clark and Cole Strickland both scored 1 run. Cobe Goosby had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Cardinals, while Garrett Smith added 1 hit and Denzel Thomas scored 1 run.

KINSTON 11 Z.C. GRAY 0

Kinston led all the way to down the Zion Chapel Gray 11-0. Devante Henderson, T.J. Glass and Brady Smith all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Ben Nelson added 1 hit, Luke Taylor and Lane Clark both scored 2 runs, and Grayson Sessions, Avery Hataway, C.J. Edwards and Lee Davis all scored 1 run. Aaron McCollough had 2 hits to lead Zion Chapel and Justin Kidd added 1 hit.

NEW BROCKTON 7 ELBA BRAVES 4

New Brockton rallied late to claim a 7-4 win over the Elba Braves. Kale Hickman had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead New Brockton, while Jordan Jones, Noah McDaniel and Chase Henley all added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Jason Sasser added 1 hit; and Jonah Dunaway and Tristan Brust both scored 1 run. Hayden Diostell had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Braves, while Kyson Edwards blasted a 2-run homer and Miguel Banks scored 1 run.

COACH PITCH BASEBALL

INDIANS 9 REBELS 5

The Indians pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Rebels 9-5. Andrew Kimbro scored 3 runs to lead the Indians, while Justin Eiland scored 2 runs and Troy Lowery, Ethan Flowers, Xavier Bur-



RUNNER JUMPS OVER TAG... A runner for Kinston jumps over the mitt of the catcher in recent action in the Dixie Youth Baseball League.

(Mike Capps photo)



READY TO MAKE THE CATCH... A Yankee reaches for a throw in recent action in the Dixie Minor Baseball League.

(Mike Capps photo)

nett and D'Andrea Owens all scored 1 run. Scoring 1 run for the Rebels were Weston Shuman, Jake Smith, Wrangler Campbell, Shane Duncan and Carson Miley.

PIRATES 12 DIAMONDBACKS 4

The Pirates pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 12-4 win over the Diamondbacks. Tony Daniels scored 3 runs to lead the Pirates, while Kendra Jordan, Hudson Wise and Jesse Blackmon all scored 2 runs and Luke Hickman, Brantley Box and Tanner Skinner all scored 1 run. Gavin Caldwell scored 2 runs to lead the Diamondbacks, while Jeremiah Jordan and Cedric Benton both scored 1 run.

DIAMONDBACKS 12 PIRATES 5

The Diamondbacks scored runs in every inning to outscore the Pirates 12-5. Gavin Caldwell, Cedric Benton and Tanner Herrington all scored 3 runs to lead the Pirates, while Chandler Coppage, Jeremiah Jordan and Ben Curtis all scored 1 run. Brantley Box scored 2 runs for the Pirates and Luke Hickman, Kendra Jordan and Tanner Skinner all scored 1 run.

DIXIE DARLINGS SOFTBALL

DIAMOND DOLLS 18 REBELETES 8

The Diamond Dolls scored runs in bunches to roll past the Rebelettes 18-8. K. Wilcox scored 5 runs to lead the Dolls, while C. Carlett scored 4 runs, A. Carpenter scored 3 runs, L. Johnson and A.K. Kimbro both scored 2 runs and E. Tate and B. Thompson both scored 1 run. Sarah Bryson and Jasmine scored 2 runs to lead the Rebelettes, while Marlee, Haleigh, Brooke and Gabby Hernandez all scored 1 run.

ELBA THUNDER 8 ELBA HEAT 5

The Elba Thunder rallied late to edge the Elba Heat 8-5. Millicent Nolin scored 3 runs to lead the Thunder, while Lakin Cooks and Rachel Smith both scored 2 runs and Jamaya McCord scored 1 run. Asia Kyles, Mone Martin, Alyssa Kyles, Katelyn Turner and Caitlyn Lawson all scored 1 run.

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Kinston's Aaron Jacobs receives scholarship from Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association

Ten Coach's Children Scholarship winners have been selected by the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA). These will be presented to the graduating seniors July 17 at the Championship Awards Banquet during All-Star Sports Week in Huntsville.

These \$1,000 need-based scholarships, the first to be presented by the coaches group, are being awarded to college-

bound students whose parents are active members of the AHSADCA. These will be presented to the graduating seniors July 17 at the Championship Awards Banquet during All-Star Sports Week in Huntsville.

"We initiated this program to provide another service from our Association to our member

coaches and athletic directors," Bailey said. "We know a lot of them that work hard every day and we want to show our appreciation and to help them out."

The winners include Aaron Kyle Jacobs, Kinston High School.



DIXIE DIAMONDS 10U PLACE 2nd - WIN AUTOMATIC BERTH INTO THE 2008 WORLD SERIES. The Enterprise based Dixie Diamonds competed in only their 2nd tournament of the season with a runner-up finish at the USFA Memorial Day Classic Fastpitch Softball Tournament. The win gave the Diamonds an automatic berth into the 2008 World Series. The tournament, held in Gulfport, Mississippi May 23-25, 2008, was comprised of over 70 teams. The World Series will be held in Panama City Beach the week of July 13-19, 2008. Team members and coaches include (from left to right) 1st row: Courtney Lee, Julie Fleming, Katelyn Kemsal, Carson Hussey, Savannah Ross; 2nd row: Brittany Lee, Kaydie Messer, Kaylee Hussey, Katie Thompson, Addy Archie, Sidney Golden, Kinley Cherry; and 3rd row: Ben Thompson, Fox Fleming, Kevin Archie, Kevin Lee, Head Coach Wade Hussey.

Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Keep quiet to catch bass

On one of my first fishing trips with my uncle, I learned the importance of being quite if you wanted to fill a stringer with bluegills. This age old advice still holds true today no matter if you are fishing from the bank of a farm pond or a \$25,000 bass boat.

Hearing is one of a Bass's keenest senses. Sound is detected through the lateral lines along the side of a bass and by the inner ear at distances of up to 100 feet, which is approximately twice as far as they can see under average water clarity. Bass feeding in muddy water and at night rely on their hearing to zero in on potential food. Thousands of bass have succumbed to the noise of a top water plug retrieved slowly across a glass slick surface on a moonless night.

After years of research biologists have learned that bass are capable of detecting sounds and processing messages received from these sounds. Bass process distant sounds, 20 feet or more, with their inner ear and nearby sounds through their lateral lines. The lateral lines are a group of nerve endings that extend from behind the gills to the tail and are used to pinpoint prey. These lateral lines sense pressure waves from low frequency sounds such as wading fishermen, a boat paddle, and other fish in the area.

Some sounds attract bass while other sounds repel them.

Several years ago a friend and I were catching bass off a point on Lake Eufaula. We were catching fish until a young couple invaded our honey hole. The "gentlemen" grabbed the bank of a farm pond or a \$25,000 bass boat. Hearing is one of a Bass's keenest senses. Sound is detected through the lateral lines along the side of a bass and by the inner ear at distances of up to 100 feet, which is approximately twice as far as they can see under average water clarity. Bass feeding in muddy water and at night rely on their hearing to zero in on potential food. Thousands of bass have succumbed to the noise of a top water plug retrieved slowly across a glass slick surface on a moonless night.

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rounding water is relatively deep.

The last decade has seen fishing tackle manufacturers rush to produce lures that make fish attracting noises. Manufacturers have spent millions on research to determine what sounds and frequencies attract bass. Bait manufacturers incorporate rattle chambers in crank baits, top water plugs and spinner baits. Rattle chambers are now available in soft plastic baits such as worms, lizards, crayfish and others.

Most noise producing baits either attract fish, or at least don't hurt your chances of a strike. Loud sudden noises have an adverse affect. Simple things like putting carpet in the bottom of an aluminum boat and talking in a low voice will reduce noises that scare bass away.

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CUBS - TEE BALL BASEBALL

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ANGELS - TEE BALL BASEBALL

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Wallace Community College to host youth baseball camp

Wallace Community College will host its annual Mackey Sasser Baseball Camp Monday, June 9, through Thursday, June 12, at the WCC Govs baseball field. The camp is for children ages 6-14 and costs \$90 per child.

Former New York Mets catcher and current WCC head baseball coach Mackey Sasser and assistant baseball coach Pete Coachman will educate participants in the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and base running. Campers

should wear shorts and tennis shoes and bring their own gloves and bats.

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on Tuesday. The unofficial results of this race gave the win to Kim Ellis with 314 votes (54.23 percent). J.L. Weeks finished with 265 votes (45.77 percent).

The District Four Coffee County Commission race is the only county race from Tuesday's Primary Elections that will require a run-off between candidates. The unofficial results revealed a very close race between Jason F. Bruce with

335 votes (39.93 percent) and Frank (Al) Britt with 333 votes (39.69 percent) in the Republican Primary. The third candidate in this race, Helen Taylor, received 171 votes (20.38 percent).

The run-off election for the District Four Commission race for the Republican nominee will be held July 15th. This winner of the run-off will face Democratic candidate Ben Montes in the November General Election.

Coffee County voters also made their decision(s) in several other statewide races to include: United States Senator; United States Representative, 2nd Congressional District; Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1; Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2; and President of the Public Service Commission. The results of these state races were still incomplete as of

press time Tuesday night. The unofficial summary of votes for Coffee County in the Democratic and Republican Primary elections included:

Democratic Primary

For United States Senator:

Vivian Davis Figures . . . 671

Johnny Swanson III . . . 388

Mark Townsend . . . 201

For United States Representative, 2nd Congressional District:

Bobby Bright . . . 1,217

Candie Crawley . . . 1,169

Cheryl Sabel . . . 190

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1:

Steve Dodd . . . 738

Clyde Jones . . . 512

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2:

Jeff Duffey . . . 335

Joh Hayden . . . 273

Aimee Cobb Smith . . . 696

For member, Coffee County Commission, Dist. No. 1:

Tommie Brooks Jr. . . . 81

James E. (Jimmy) Bryan . . . 214

Dean Smith . . . 326

For member, Coffee County Commission, Dist. No. 3:

Claude R. Nicholson . . . 135

Robert G. Stephens . . . 342

Republican Primary

For United States Senator:

Earl Mack Gavin . . . 236

Jeff Sessions . . . 3,391

For United States Representative, 2nd Congressional District:

David Grimes . . . 53

Jay Love . . . 1,091

John W. Martin . . . 120

Craig D. Schmidtke . . . 767

Harri Anne Smith . . . 1,067

David Woods . . . 589

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1:

Peggy Givhan . . . 545

Beth Kellum . . . 1,212

Lucie McLemore . . . 764

Teresa Bearden Petelos . . . 227

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2:

Duncan Crow . . . 408

Chris Mixon . . . 910

Mary Windom . . . 1,589

For President, Public Service Commission:

Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh . . . 1,106

Matt Chancey . . . 1,425

Jack Hornady . . . 559

For member, Coffee County Commission, Dist. No. 2:

Kim Ellis . . . 314

J.L. Weeks . . . 265

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I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out and supported us in Tuesday's Republican Primary. You helped to make a long-term dream come true by allowing us to take the first step toward achieving REAL change in our Schools. It has been a blessing talking with you about my thoughts, and an honor to listen to your feelings as well. Thanks to my family and friends who believed in me from the very beginning, and praise be to God for giving me such an opportunity.

We now turn our attention toward the November General Election, and I hope to continue my dialogue with you about positive, real, NOTICEABLE change in our Schools. With your support along the way, we CAN have a School System in which EVERY child has a textbook, in which ALL students DO get hot, freshly-prepared meals EVERYDAY, and in which EVERY school is safer because of the presence of full-time resource police officers and security cameras.



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I want to offer my sincere thanks to the voters of District 1 for your support during my School Board Campaign. I have had the opportunity to talk with many old friends and made many new friends along the way. I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with many of you and listening to your ideas on making our great school system even better.

I had a few people that went above and beyond in supporting my campaign. I thank you for your help, but most of all, I cherish your friendship. Thanks for all your hard work in supporting me in this endeavor.

I also want to thank my family for your love and patience throughout this process. This was my first time being directly involved in the political process, and I stepped out of my comfort zone but have found the experience educational and rewarding. I encourage good people to step up when they have the opportunity to run for elected office. We need genuinely concerned citizens involved in our political process.

In closing, I congratulate my opponent and wish him the best as he moves forward with his campaign. I think our participation in the process has been healthy and has brought positive attention to our Coffee County Schools.

Again, thank you to all who supported me. Even though my quest for elected office is over for now, I will continue to do what I can as a parent and concerned citizen to make our schools the best they can be.

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Elba City Council updated on
sewer and sidewalk projects

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members heard Mayor James Grimes give updates on the Marilyn Street sewer project and the downtown sidewalk project Monday evening.

In addition, they approved the sale of some city owned property at the old school, named a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, revisited and again approved the South Alabama Mutual Assistance Agreement, paid the bills and reviewed the monthly financial statement. Also the council heard City Clerk Wayne Grantham give a brief update on the downed trees and electrical outages from the Monday afternoon stormy weather.

The mayor was pleased that the sewer project was moving forward so well. City employees are doing the work when they are not involved with routine water and sewer work.

Grimes reported the manholes are installed; the pumping station is working and the entire project is 75 percent complete. Gravity flow customers should be on line this week, and those four or five connecting to the mini pumps will get service soon.

The sidewalk project has generated problems and much discussion, according to the mayor. He noted the project was in its ninth week and workers were still tearing out and re-doing sections on the North side of the square.

Mayor Grimes said following a meeting with the design engineers and highway department last week, the contractor was informed that the "liquidation damages" clause in the contract would be enforced. This set a penalty for every day over the 90-day contract limit it takes to complete the project. He also announced that the problem with the narrow step up on the first sections of the sidewalk will be addressed, and a change order to modify this section has

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PRECIPITATION RETURNED TO THE AREA Monday, June 9, packing quite a punch as hefty winds accompanied the sheets of rain that came blowing through during the late afternoon hours. The downpour of precipitation was a welcome sight in the area as it had taken a lengthy absence as of late, but the strong winds that came along with the rain caused a bit of anxiety among local residents, especially in the Smith Avenue area of Elba near the 203 Bypass intersection where the gusts were strong enough to take down a large pecan tree (shown above) at a residence. The tree damaged the front porch of the home, but fortunately, there did not appear to be any major damage to the home itself. Rain returned again Tuesday afternoon in Elba. This time, much to the delight of residents, it appeared to be without any damaging winds.

While in town to perform at VBS at First Baptist Church

Florida church youth group voluntarily labors in Elba

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Members of the College Park Baptist Church Youth Choir from Orlando, Fla., were found working around the square in Elba on Tuesday, June 10, and two members of the group had an Elba connection.

The youth choir was in town to perform at the First Baptist Church to help kick off the church's Vacation Bible School activities. According to Susan Deal, minister of music at College Park Baptist Church, the group was set to perform two shows for the First Baptist Church.

"We will actually perform twice," said Deal. "We will perform for the children at VBS and following them moving on to other activities, we

will perform again for adults attending as well."

While in town, however, the youth put in some hard work at

the Just Folk Coffeehouse. They assisted with some work needed in order to complete the Coffeehouse such as painting, cleaning and hauling off debris from recent work in the building.

Covenant Community Church fed the youth lunch. Upon seeing they had some extra time, the youth ventured around the square and cleaned windows of businesses where the sidewalk project is underway.

"This was our 'hands-on' part of our tour," said Deal. "We knew about the coffeehouse through our local connection, Donna Denmon, so we decided to lend a helping hand."

Many in Elba would know Donna as Donna Hudson, or Betty Hudson's daughter. Donna has two daughters that sing in the choir, Rebecca, who just graduated high school, and Anna, who just completed the second grade.

"We thought it would be neat to stop in their 'hometown' while we travel to Dothan and then on to Jacksonville, Fla. to perform our last show," added Deal.

Deal also said this was the only time that the 6th and 12th grades would be performing together. So, she said it was nice that the two girls were in the choir together.

Donna was on the trip with her daughters and wished everyone in Elba a heartfelt, "hello."

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Donna (Hudson) Denmon and her daughters Rebecca and Anna, are the "Elba connection" to College Park Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla. Donna is the daughter of Elba's Betty Hudson.

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